

REMARKS

Claim 1 is now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks contained herein.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Applicants elect the species of Figures 7-8.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over German Reference DE29811783U1 in view of Salpaka (U.S. Pat. No. 5,573,255, hereinafter "Salpaka"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicants submit that neither Salpaka nor the German Reference teach or suggest a die cast holder having a saw blade permanently cast therein. The invention of Salpaka appears to provide removable attachment between a saw blade and a holder. Furthermore, the German reference also provides removable attachment between the holder and multiple tools. Therefore, there is no teaching or suggestion for a holder body cast around a tail of a saw blade and having a hex-shaped shank. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim as originally filed is in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants respectfully submit that the invention of claim 1 is patentably distinct from the claims of Lovell et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,546,633, hereinafter "Lovell"). Lovell does not claim the cast feature of claim 1. Further, the Examiner has

indicated that Figures 6-8 of the present application are an independent species. Applicants believe that Figures 7 and 8 are actually an independent species, since these Figures show the integral cast holder and saw blade of claim 1, while Figure 6 shows a holder separable from the saw blade. Applicants note that the present divisional application is a result of the PTO's prior restriction requirement. As such, reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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